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Uxbridge charter up for review

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge voters now have an opportunity to address their concerns about the processes and procedures that guide the Town’s government.

The Town of Uxbridge Home Rule Charter is now undergoing a decennial review to ensure that the language in that document is clear and unambiguous as it guides the Town’s executive authorities and departments, the ancillary elected and appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions, and the legislative branch in the form of Town Meeting.

A Charter Review Committee, comprised of nine members with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Finance Committee having appointed two each and the Town Moderator appointing three members, has been empaneled to examine all aspects of the performance of the Town’s government.

The Committee has been charged to prepare and submit a report, including any proposed amendments to the Charter that the Committee may determine to be necessary and proper for the continued efficient and effective governmental operations. The report will be presented at the 2021 Town Meeting.

Input from Uxbridge residents is very much desired. Citizens who interact with Town officials and members of Boards and Committees and who attend Town Meetings develop an awareness of how well they are served by their government. Residents are invited to monitor the deliberations of the Committee both in real time through the Town’s on-line capability or after the fact by watching the discussions through the Uxbridge Cable TV Archive.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback and input to the Charter Review Committee at any time by emailing the committee at chartercommittee@uxbridge-ma.gov or by writing the Committee at Charter Review Committee, 21 South Main St., Uxbridge MA, 01569.

The Committee also intends to hold at least one public hearing wherein residents may provide their input.



Courtesy

DAR COMMEMORATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 19TH AMENDMENT

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, also known as Women’s Equality Day, members of the Captain Job Knapp DAR Chapter gathered on the Douglas Common to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Members wore “Votes For Women” sashes and displayed a replica of the flag used by the suffragettes. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education for children. It is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women’s service organization. Any woman who has an ancestor who fought in or rendered aid in the American Revolution may be eligible for membership in DAR. For information, contact Regent Anne Marie Safae at 508-949-0926.

A Moment in History

BY BEVERLY GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Have you ever heard of the colonial women who fought in the Revolutionary War to win independence for the American colonies from 1775 to 1781? They did not just sit at home, drinking tea from pretty, little, bone china tea cups.

In the America of the 1770’s, women were full participants in the Revolutionary War, even though they did not serve as soldiers under General George Washington. They could not just observe the war that was being waged in the streets of their towns, the fields of their farms, or on their very doorsteps.

Mothers, daughters, and wives kept farms, shops, and families running for the eight long years of the war and they worked hard. One woman wrote of her week in her journal: “Washed. Ironed. Scoured pewter. Scoured rooms. Scoured furniture, brasses, put up chintz bed

and hung pictures. Sowed Sweet Marjoram. Sowed peas. Sowed cauliflower. Sowed beans. Pulled radishes. Set out turnips. Cut asparagus. Killed pig, weighed 164 pounds. Made bread. Put beef in pickle. Salted pork, put bacon in pickle. Made 6 cravats (for husband). Quilted two petticoats (for self). Made 5 shirts (for husband).” She later wrote: “I have not had won minuts (one minute’s) rest.” An understatement to say the least.

Although American women were familiar with farm work, few had done the tasks of men: mending fences, cutting firewood, repairing tools. Now, in addition, to cooking meals, watching children, and weeding gardens, women had to do the work of men who were away with General Washington. Women who had never purchased farm equipment, sold crops or hired laborers had to quickly learn how to do so.

References in Revolutionary War letters

written from wives to husbands went from “your farm” to “our farm” to “my farm.” A Connecticut woman wrote: “What was done, was done by myself.”

After all this work, some sacrificed more. Caroline Schuyler in Saratoga, New York, set fire to her ripe wheat fields to prevent British General Burgoyne from using the grain to feed his troops. In 1776, as British occupying forces entered New York City, a woman was among those who set fire to the City rather than surrender it to the British.

Some women even served in the Continental Army, disguised as men. One Deborah Sampson served as Private Robert Shurtleff for years, and when the army discovered she was a woman, she was honorably discharged and granted a veteran’s pension by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Another accomplished woman soldier was Sally St. Clair,

a woman of French and African history, who served in the Colonial Army until her death in the siege of Savannah of 1782.

Many women were spies by opportunity. When a Colonial soldier galloped into her yard and conferred with her father, Deborah Champion’s adventure began. The exhausted soldier had to get intelligence to General Washington, and Deborah’s father decided she was the person to do it. She saddled her horse and she and a trusted family servant headed to Boston. She was stopped by a British sentry, but all he saw was a young woman on her way “to visit an ailing relative” and he released her. When she arrived in Cambridge, she delivered the papers into General Washington’s own hands. In 1777, when the British commandeered a home from a Philadelphia woman, Lydia Darragh

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Michelle Chausse assumes additional role at McGrath Advisors Inc.

WESTBOROUGH — Kevin McGrath, Founder and Principal at McGrath Advisors Inc., announces that Michelle Chausse has successfully passed the FNRA Series 7 & NASAA Series 66 licensure exams, and in doing so will assume the duties and responsibilities of a Financial Advisor for the firm. In addition to advising, Chausse will remain in her role as President, McGrath Insurance Brokerage Inc., continuing to serve their clients.

“I am beyond thrilled that Michelle has passed the exams, but even happier to add her to our growing financial services business. She has demonstrated an uncommon aptitude for this work, and I look forward to leveraging that knowledge on behalf of our clients,” said McGrath.

Chausse is a graduate of Assumption College, Worcester, and earned her MBA at Anna Maria College, Paxton. She is currently President of McGrath Insurance Brokerage Inc., and has been a part of the organization for 16 years. Prior to joining McGrath, Chausse worked at Fallon Health as a Senior Market and Sales Manager.

“I’ve watched with great interest how the Financial Services industry has changed over my 16 year tenure at McGrath, and I’m eager to assist our current and future clients on the path toward their financial goal. My desire is to help individuals create a financial plan that includes diversified investing, life and disability insurance and long term care options and strategies,” said Chausse.

Chausse lives in Whitinsville with her two teenage daughters, and is the daughter of Paul and Claire Chausse of Sutton.

MILFORD REGIONAL EARNS RECOGNITION FOR PROMOTING ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONATION



MILFORD – Milford Regional has earned national recognition for its efforts to increase organ, eye, and tissue donor registrations across the state through the Workplace Partnership for Life (WPFL) Hospital Organ Donation Campaign. The WPFL is a national initiative that unites the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the organ donation community with workplaces across the nation in spreading the word about the importance of donation.

The WPFL Hospital Organ Donation Campaign challenges hospitals and healthcare organizations to “let life bloom” by educating their staff, patients, visitors, and communities about the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donation, including offering opportunities to register as organ donors.

Milford Regional was one of 1,700 organizations to participate in the 2020 campaign.

“Milford Regional recognizes the importance of organ donation and is committed to awareness and registration for this act of giving that provides healing within our community,” says Edward J. Kelly, Milford Regional President & CEO.

Bay Path alum named Unit Manager at Odd Fellows Home



Lauren Pellett

WORCESTER — Lauren Pellett, LPN of Norwich, Conn. was promoted to Unit Manager at the Odd Fellows Home of Worcester.

The position gives Pellett, a former 911 Dispatcher and a novice LPN, plenty of responsibilities. She oversees all nursing staff at the unit, including paraprofessionals. Pellett has the distinction of the first in the class of 2020 to be hired as an LPN while still completing her academics. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the region, the state of emergency added a few more responsibilities to Pellett.

“I am responsible for the 40-bed unit and to ensure that we are adapting to all guidelines to meet CDC standards,” she said. That means taking all COVID precautions to protect both the patients and staff that works there.

It was because of Pellett’s work at the

Odd Fellows Home as an undergraduate and her dedication in managing remote learning while being gainfully employed that she was selected and approached to be honored with the promotion

As a 2020 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Pellett had the following accolades:

Certified, Mental Health First Aid (National Council for Behavioral Health Mental Health First Aid) Certified, Dementia Care Attendee, Stop The Bleed Course (American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma) Member, UNICEF Club Mentor, Class of 2021 Nominee, Feed Inc., Kindness Award Nominee, Kate Spade Hero Recipient, Yasso Game on Hero Award Distinction, First hired as LPN

undergrad, underboard with Hero’s Pay under Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker Order #24 Nominee, Clinical Excellence Award

“During remote learning, I missed being in school and having more interaction with the patients. To help, I assisted my mom in making fabric masks. I learned a lot through kind interactions,” she said. “I enjoyed helping and building relationships with our patients.”

She added that she had always wanted to be a nurse and her favorite thing about being a nurse is being able to help her patients, family and friends. “I take care of all living things.”

“I love taking care of the elderly, I want to make the rest of their lives happy and peaceful,” she said.



Maria Heskes-Allard

Bay State Savings Bank’s Maria A. Heskes-Allard receives New England Women in Banking Award

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce SVP - Senior Lender Maria A. Heskes-Allard has been awarded among 2020’s New England Women in Banking by Banking New England Magazine. New England Women in Banking honors the most talented, ambitious, innovative, and philanthropic women in the New England banking industry.

Mrs. Heskes-Allard, of Princeton, holds more than 30 years of experience in Commercial Lending in Central Massachusetts. Currently, as SVP - Senior Lender, she leads Bay State Savings Bank’s retail and commercial loan departments. Mrs. Heskes-Allard joined the Bank in 2016 as Senior Vice

President of Commercial Lending and was promoted to SVP - Senior Lender in 2018. Prior to joining Bay State Savings Bank, she served as Senior Vice President of Clinton Savings Bank in Clinton.

Over four years, Mrs. Heskes-Allard has helped to grow Bay State Savings Bank’s Commercial and Retail Lending Departments, resulting in a 22 percent increase in total asset size, and 29% increase in the loan portfolio. Earlier this year, she was instrumental in guiding Bay State Savings Bank through the Paycheck Protection Program, overseeing the submission of more than 350 loans totaling in more than \$29 million in funds for business owners who were affected by the economic impact of coronavirus.

Mrs. Heskes-Allard holds an Associate Degree from Becker College, a BS from Southern New Hampshire University, a Certificate in Real Estate Finance from Boston University, and a Finance MBA from Assumption College.

Currently, Mrs. Heskes-Allard serves as a Greater Worcester Community Foundation board member and is a member of its Scholarship Committee. She also serves on the Llewellyn Evans Scholarship Committee for Becker College.

Read more about Mrs. Heskes-Allard in her feature on New England Banking’s Web site.

Robbins to retire as Cornerstone Bank CEO

WORCESTER — After 34 years of dedicated service at Cornerstone Bank, K. Michael Robbins will be retiring as the Bank’s CEO on December 31, 2020; Mike will continue to serve as the Bank’s Chairman. The announcement was made by Cornerstone Bank President Todd Tallman.

“Mike has been a committed, loyal member of our family for so long, his name is practically synonymous with Cornerstone Bank,” states Tallman. “He has always put the needs of customers first, and diligently worked to ensure that everything Cornerstone did was for the well-being of the community and its residents. In fact, Mike considered support of our community to be his greatest

responsibility.”

After serving in various senior level positions at Spencer Savings Bank from 1986 through 2003 and President & CEO at Spencer Savings Bank/ SpencerBANK from 2003 through 2017, Robbins assumed the roles of Chairman & CEO at Cornerstone Bank. Under Robbins’ leadership, SpencerBANK’s total assets grew from 250 million to 600 million dollars. In 2016, SpencerBANK and Southbridge Savings Bank created a merger of equals forming Cornerstone Bank with total assets today of 1.3 billion dollars. His professional affiliations include Chairman of the Board at COCC, a financial technology company serving finan-

cial institutions, as well as Finance Committee Member at Harrington Hospital. Robbins is also a Board Member of the Worcester Club and the Worcester Research Bureau and is supportive of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

“Knowing Mike, he’ll continue to be very active,” adds Tallman, who will replace Robbins as CEO. “Between golf, antique cars and traveling, he’ll be as busy as ever. I learned a great deal from Mike and we developed a very deep and lasting friendship. I wish him and his wife Cathy all the best in the years ahead—and every happiness in the world.”



Michael Robbins

About Cornerstone Bank

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Vascular surgeon appointed to Milford Regional medical staff

MILFORD — Milford Regional is pleased to welcome vascular surgeon, Douglas Jones, MD to the active medical staff. He has joined Dr. Dejah Judelson at UMass Memorial Surgery at Milford located at 91 Water St.



Douglas Jones

Dr. Jones graduated with honors from Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire in 2008 with a degree in medicine. He performed a general surgery residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill-Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY where he was chief resident. He continued his training with a fellowship in vascular surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston. Dr. Jones is board certified in general surgery and vascular surgery. His clinical interests include aortic aneurysm disease, carotid artery surgery and stenting, and endovascular and surgical lower extremity ischemia.

“We welcome Dr. Douglas Jones to our medical staff,” states Edward J. Kelly, President & CEO, Milford Regional Medical Center. “We are very pleased to have such a high caliber physician join our vascular surgery staff.”

Appointments with Dr. Jones can be made by calling UMass Memorial Surgery at Milford at 508-458-4250.

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Worcester Art Museum will reopen to public Oct. 7

WORCESTER — The Worcester Art Museum, which has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 13, announced today that it will reopen to the public on Wednesday, Oct. 7. In addition to a series of special exhibitions and presentations, the Museum also announced that several free virtual programs, including Zip Zoom Tours, Arms and Armor Presentations, a Fall Community Day, and Master Series Third Thursday Art Talk, will be held throughout the fall. Dates, details, and links to participate will be posted on worcesterart.org. In addition, the Museum is offering a variety of online studio art and art history classes for adults and youth. Class and registration information is available at portal.worcesterart.org/classes.

The Museum will be open to the public on Wednesdays from noon – 4 p.m., Thursdays – Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and third Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Museum also will be open to the public on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“We are very grateful to our members, sponsors, donors, and foundations—and our generous Worcester community—for supporting us during our closure,” said Matthias Waschek, the Museum’s Jean and Myles McDonough Director. “While visiting this fall and winter will look and feel different in order to keep everyone safe, the Museum’s phenomenal collection of art and its power to heal and comfort, will be here for all to enjoy. We have been waiting for this day for nearly six months and can’t wait to see our community here again!”

To ensure a safe, enjoyable experience, the Museum is implementing a number of safety protocols following state and local guidelines, and asks that all visitors adhere to these policies as they plan their visit.

Entry to the Museum will be timed, with all members and visitors required to reserve or purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will be made available for specific entry times between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Tickets will be available online after Sept. 21.

The maximum group size is five visitors.

As mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all Museum staff and visitors (age five and older) are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering for the duration of their time in the Museum.

While inside the Museum, visitors must observe six feet of physical distance between themselves and others outside their party, including Museum employees.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout many areas of the Museum, and all public areas will have enhanced cleaning schedules.

All visitors to the Museum must enter and exit through the Salisbury Street Entrance, which is fully accessible. Please note that no more than 5 people may enter the Museum at the same time.

For full information on new safety policies, how to plan a visit, and to purchase tickets, all WAM visitors are asked to visit worcesterart.org. Timed tickets will be available for purchase after Sept. 21.

About the Worcester Art Museum
The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3,000 BCE to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring rel-

evance to daily life. Creative initiatives—including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction—offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

Since its founding in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum has assembled a collection of 38,000 objects: from the ancient Near East and Asia, to European and American paintings and sculptures, and continuing with works by contemporary artists from around the world. WAM has a history of making large scale acquisitions, such as its Medieval Chapter House, the Worcester Hunt Mosaic, its 15th-century Spanish ceiling, and the Flemish Last Judgment tapestry. In 2013, the Museum acquired the John Woodman Higgins Armory Collection, comprising two thousand arms and armor objects. It continues to commission and present new works, such as 2017’s installation of the immersive Reusable Universes sculptural series and Organic Concept environment by Shih Chieh Huang. For more information about the Worcester Art Museum, visit worcesterart.org.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA, is open to the public Wednesday from 12 to 4 p.m.; Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the third Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Museum is open for Members only on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$8 for children 4-17, \$14 for seniors 65+ and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children under age four. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. All visitors are asked to enter the Museum through the Salisbury Street entrance. For more information, visit worcesterart.org.



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Sutton Historical Society to host Annual Meeting

SUTTON — The Sutton Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Sutton Center, on the lawn outside. Members are encouraged to bring a mask and a chair. The Annual Meeting is required by our by-laws.

This year, we will be electing/re-electing six Board of Director positions. These positions are for a two-year term. The six current Board members are willing to remain in their positions. If any member is interested in joining the Board, please contact Brian Stevenson, President, at sutton1704@gmail.com.

The remainder of our 2020 Schedule of Events has been cancelled due to the gathering restrictions for Covid-19. The Board continues to plan upcoming events when gathering restrictions ease up. In addition, the Board is seeking fund-raising suggestions. Please send any suggestions for speakers, presentations, or fund-raising ideas to sutton1704@gmail.com. Updated information will be posted at our website suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org.

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\$412,000, 77 Maple St, Audet Homes Inc, to Bak, Kyle, and Bak, Alyssa.
\$406,500, 173 Webster St, Trudel, Jason, and Trudel, Sierra, to Bailey, Kelley, and Stockhaus, Daniel.
\$399,900, 131 Franklin St, Hovagimian, Michael M, to Barlow, Robert, and Vanryswood, Elizabeth.
\$244,000, 22 Martin Rd #22, Rymeski, Christine M, to Simon, Richard B, and Simon, Sara.
\$204,250, 40 Eagle Dr #40, Merloni, Maria L, to Sacco, Susan.
\$175,000, 46 NW Main St, Valliere, Edward J, and Jones, Deborah A, to Tsimogiannis, Thomas.

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\$598,674, 35 Roosevelt Dr, Presidential Farms Inc, to Reynolds, Jonathan D, and Reynolds, Kathrynne.
\$330,000, 716 Benson Rd, Kindberg, Kimberly M, to Henck, Sheila.
\$325,000, 125 Sheryl Dr, Almedia, Anthony, to Pajala, Dawn.
\$175,000, 37 School St #37, Violette, Gerlad M, and Violette, Gerald W, to Aviles, Lori A.

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\$560,000, 43 Arnold Way, Legg, James M, and Legg, Mary C, to Khalil, Chaouki, and Germanos, Roula.
\$520,000, 120 Stanphyl Rd, Vandemeer, Harry A, and Vandemeer, Leona A, to Trudel, Jason, and Trudel, Sierra.
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Cayden is a kind and caring boy of African American and Caucasian descent. Like his brother, Cayden is very considerate of others. Cayden loves to draw, read, play outside, and ride his bicycle. He also likes to play

with Legos and build different types of structures with them. They boys have an older teenage brother whom they are close to and will need to maintain contact with on the South Shore of Massachusetts.

Bryson and Cayden look forward to being placed together in a loving, permanent home. Their social worker is open to exploring one or two-parent families with or without other children. They are legally freed for adoption and will need to maintain contact with members of their birth family once their placement is identified.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

Alternate Electrical Inspector

The Town of Douglas is seeking applicants for the position of alternate Electrical Inspector. This is an annual appointed, stipend position. The alternate Electrical Inspector works under the direction of the Building Commissioner and the Electrical Inspector. He/she will perform skilled inspectional work in enforcing the provisions of the State Electrical Code, to protect personal and public safety, and perform other related inspectional services.

This position is an on-call position to assist during vacation and/or sick time leave.

Requirements: High school diploma; additional technical training in electrical wiring installation; five years’ experience in electrical installation and construction or an equivalent combination of education and experience; MA Master Electrician’s License; must complete MA Inspector Course

within next license renewal cycle; valid Massachusetts Driver’s License, Class D required. Thorough knowledge of the MA Electrical Code and electrical installations. Ability to enforce codes and regulations fairly and impartially, interact effectively with general public, and stay informed of code changes.

An Employment Application along with a resume and references should be submitted to the Selectmen’s Office, Douglas Municipal Center, 29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA 01516. Employment Applications are available on line at www.douglasma.org or outside the Board of Selectmen’s Office. The position will remain open until filled.



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October 2020 Virtual Programs

Adult Programs

Virtual Gentle Yoga – Saturdays at 10:00am
Tune in to YouTube Live to start off your day with a yoga session with Marise Nazzaro! Search YouTube for the Uxbridge Free Public Library channel. This class is sponsored by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees.

Meal Planning for Busy Families – Thursday, October 1st at 6:30pm
Join Running Girl Eats, Sarah Roy, on Facebook Live for her next workshop where she will show you her tried and true process of how to get dinner on the table week after week even for the busiest of families. Sarah will walk guests through steps and of how to meal plan and prep, so that no one is standing at the fridge at 6:30pm saying, “What’s for dinner?” This is the all too common occurrence at most homes and often it turns to take out or low quality snacking. This class is sponsored by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees.

Virtual Ultimate Red Sox Presentation – Thursday, October 15th at 6:30pm
Take a fun and enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history with the author of the Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book. This presentation features videos and photographs of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history. The program also includes trivia questions for patrons to ponder and covers Sox history from the Royal Rooters, who launched Red Sox Nation, all the way to the four World Series championships and beyond. It will conclude with a question-and-answer period. Author Martin Gitlin will

have autographed and personalized copies of his book available online following the program.
To register for this event, please email uxbridgelibrary@cwmmars.org to have the Zoom link sent directly to your email on the day of the event. This class is sponsored by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees and the Whitinsville Social Library.

Virtual Bookies Book Club – Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm
Zach will lead a discussion on Euphoria by Lily King. This title is available on the Hoopla Digital app. Patrons interested in participating should email zparish@cwmmars.org to register and receive the Zoom link.

Virtual Journaling for Wellness - Thursday, October 29th at 6:30pm
As so many of us continue to work from home, a journaling practice can help us articulate thoughts and challenges on the page. This workshop includes a brief discussion about the health benefits of journaling, short and sweet freewriting exercises and tips about how to sustain greater self-compassion and self-awareness through writing. No previous writing experience necessary, just a willingness to play on the page.
To register for this event, please email uxbridgelibrary@cwmmars.org to have the Zoom link sent directly to your email on the day of the event. This class is sponsored by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees and the Bancroft Memorial Library.

Youth Programs

Take-Home Crafty Wednesday's- Wednesday mornings and afternoons
Our weekly crafts are back! Grab one if you're browsing, or let us know if you'd like a craft in your curbside bag!

Virtual Story Time with Lindsey and Iggy the Sheep - Monday and Wednesday at 10:30am
Join us on Facebook Live for songs, rhymes, stories, and more! Best for ages 0-4.

Virtual Read Aloud with Lindsey and Iggy the Sheep - Thursday nights at 7pm
Wind down with us on Facebook Live for some stories and a chapter or two of the book of the month! Best for all ages.

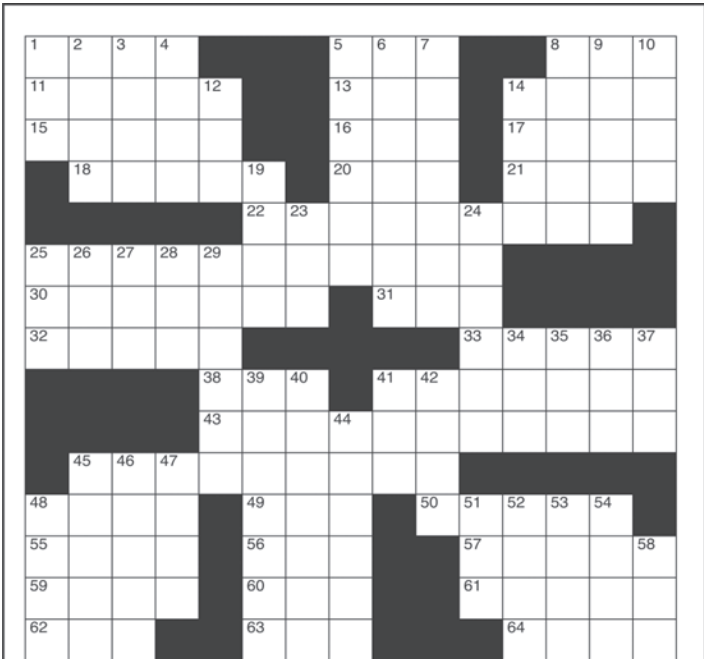
Virtual Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - Tuesday mornings
Do you miss Deb as much as us? She is now on YouTube with more songs, rhymes, and activities about bugs, food, and more! Email Lindsey at lcentrella@cwmmars.org to receive program links each Tuesday morning. Best for ages 0-4. Brought to you by the Library Board of Trustees.

Virtual Kids Yoga - Wednesdays, October 14th and 28th at 6pm
Tune in to YouTube Live and learn new poses, enjoy stories while practicing, and most of all, have fun! Best for ages 5 and up.

Virtual Butterbeer Cake Mug Treats - Thursday, October 22nd at 4pm
It will definitely feel like fall once you make butterbeer with us! Join Chef Julie on Zoom to make a super yummy dessert fit for a wizard or witch! This program is best for ages 10 and up. Look below for a list of ingredients, and email Lindsey to register and receive Zoom info at lcentrella@cwmmars.org . Brought to you by the Library Board of Trustees.

- 2 tablespoons butterscotch topping
- 1 cup soda water
- 1 cup cream soda
- 2 tablespoons whipped cream
- 2 tablespoons caramel sauce
- 1 pinch salt
- A microwave
- A large mug

Letters to Librarians
Have you ever had a pen pal? Do you wonder what the librarians have been up to? Email Lindsey at lcentrella@cwmmars.org to join our Letters to Librarians pen pal program!



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Greasy powder (abbr.)

5. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)

8. Amount of time

11. Greeting

13. Form of “to be”

14. Israeli diplomat

15. Outfit

16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet

17. Deceptive movement

18. Anxious

20. Popular Letterman guest

21. Saints’ signal caller

22. Intoxicate

25. Relationship

30. Ask for one’s hand in marriage

31. Popular Will Ferrell film

32. Gargle

33. Warning sensation before migraine
38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

41. Erases

43. At ease

45. Small branch of an artery

48. Mother of Hermes

49. Body part

50. Cavalry sword

55. Wellness chants

56. Helps little firms

57. Afflicted

59. Peep

60. Nellie __, journalist

61. Spiritual leader

62. Doctor of Education

63. Affirmative

64. Check

- CLUES DOWN
1. Popular kids’ game

2. Away from wind

3. Round water pot

4. Drink quickly

5. A simple type of jet engine

6. Something for nothing

7. Painkiller

8. Siskel’s pal

9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey

10. Again

12. Imitate

14. Icelandic poems

19. Jacob __, American journalist

23. No (Scottish)

24. Newborn

25. Credit term

26. Nonprofit research group in CA

27. Male offspring

28. Offspring baseball stat

29. A way to compel
34. Fiddler crab

35. Jewish equivalent of “Sir”

36. Every

37. Midway between east and southeast

39. Anti-slavery treaty

40. A friendly manner

41. Military figure (abbr.)

42. Area units

44. Sudden incursions

45. Expressed pleasure

46. Covered with hoarfrost

47. Job

48. Donkey

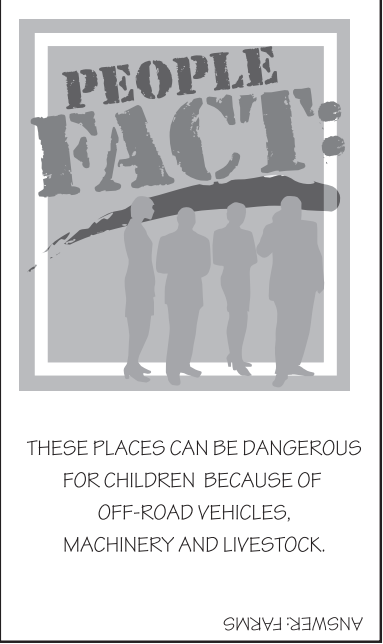
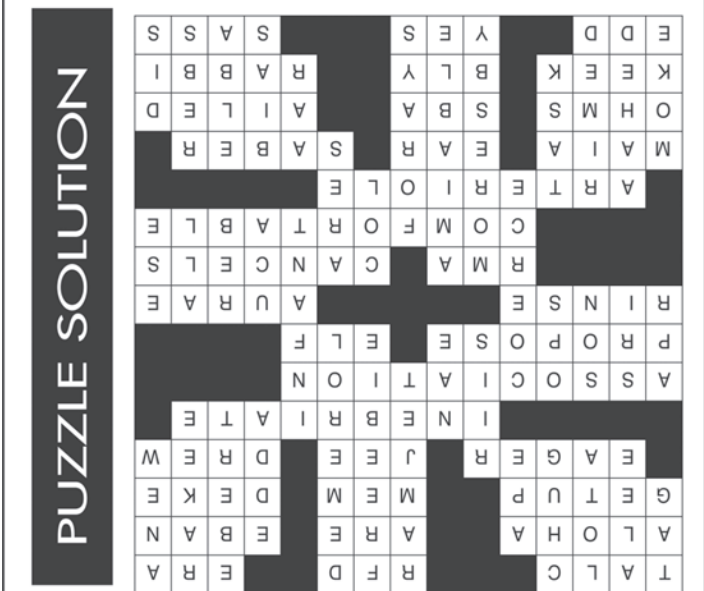
51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)

58. Criticize



How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tractor

SPANISH: Tractor

ITALIAN: Trattore

FRENCH: Tracteur

GERMAN: Traktor

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Condition of being protected

3. Of great weight

4. Aches and ____

6. Large vehicle (abbr.)

7. Gaining knowledge

DOWN

1. Education building

2. Things to read

4. Flow into a stream

5. Person, place or thing

THIS DAY IN...

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HISTORY

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• 1959: THE SOVIET SPACE PROBE LUNA 2 BECOMES THE FIRST MAN-MADE OBJECT TO REACH THE MOON WHEN IT CRASHES INTO THE LUNAR SURFACE.

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Solve the code to discover words related to libraries. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

A. 20 9 5 9 23 3 18

Clue: Complete list of items

B. 3 14 18 9 16 1 26 22

Clue: Make orderly

C. 15 24 22 23 6 22 15

Clue: Wall storage units

D. 13 7 1 22 5

Clue: Not loud

Answers: A. catalog B. organize C. shelves D. quiet

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DIRECTOR NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Happy Fall Everyone!

The Senior Work Off Program is seeking interested candidates to apply for the upcoming year. This Program has been put into place in order to assist eligible seniors with the burden of property taxes, while tapping into seniors' wealth of knowledge and skills.

Seniors work for various Town Departments with the assistance applied as an abatement to their tax bill. Space is limited. Eligibility requirements include the following:

Age 60 y/o or older;
Resident of the Town of Uxbridge for at least one year;

Legal owner of the property, cannot be in a trust (if in a trust, see Assessor's office to see if you may qualify);

Report annual household net income;
Residents must possess applicable skills.

First time applicants will have priority consideration. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of skills, availability and physical ability, as necessary. Please call the Senior Center for more information and for the application. Position assignments will start in January 2021 with abatement applied towards 2022 tax year.

Please check out a great presentation on Health Plan Options (for people with Medicare) which will be held on Monday, October 5th at 11:30am. Check out the details inside this newsletter.

It's that time of year again to get your Flu Shot! A Flu shot clinic will be provided free of charge to the senior community on Wednesday, October 14th from 9am-12noon at the Senior Center. This is a program with the Uxbridge Hannaford's Pharmacy. Call the senior center to RSVP, transportation to and from the center will be available, if necessary.

Appointments are now being made to help folks with Fuel Assistance Applications. The maximum gross income amount for 1-person household size is \$39,105. Please call the senior center for more information and make your appointment.

Thank you to the Uxbridge Fire Dept for providing the Center with a new dry erase board. We will use this board for the virtual Pictionary games held on Fridays. We truly appreciate your support!

Check out the lunch calendar in this newsletter for Curbside Pickup Lunches. These hot lunches are available to be picked up at the Center. The lunches are cooked by Edwina (our own chef), packaged and put in your car with contact free pickup for your safety. Please call ahead to RSVP.

Congrats to our centenarians, Mae Wrona and Michael Pasichny! On August 17th, they were both awarded their own special cane in honor of the Boston Post Cane which is proudly displayed at the Center. The canes were presented by Susan Franz and Steve Mandile, members of the BOS.

Virtual programs will be aired on our Local Cable Channel 192 Tuesday – Thursdays, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm and also, our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Medical Transportation is now accepting appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

ZUMBA with Amy – New 8-week Session starting October 1st Thursdays at 2:00 pm. Members will receive an Email with the link. You can also message or call the senior center if you want to participate. Donations are graciously accepted. This is sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection.

Friday, October 2nd – World Smile Day! The first Friday of October is World Smile Day. Created by a commercial artist named Harvey Ball, this day came about as a response to his creation of the smiley face. These little yellow faces are more than just a symbol, they're a statement about the power of smiling.

Monday, October 5th – 11:30 am - BCBS Webinar on Health Plan Options (for people with Medicare) Check our Facebook page for link.

Friday, October 9th and 23rd – 12:00 pm – Baked Fish Curbside Pickup. Lunch includes baked fish meal & dessert. You must call 508-278-8622 ASAP to make your reservation.

Monday, October 12th – The senior center will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. The center will re-open on Tuesday, October 13th.

Wednesday, October 14th – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Flu shot clinic will be provided free of charge to the senior community at the Senior Center. This is a program with the Uxbridge Hannaford's Pharmacy. Call the senior center to RSVP, transportation to and from the center will be available, if necessary.

Tuesday, October 27th – 7:00 pm – Fall Town Meeting held at Valley Chapel.

Wednesday, October 28th – 11 am – 2 pm – Hannaford gift card Distribution will be held at the Uxbridge Senior Center. If you are interested, please call the center for more information. Gift card amounts are being increased to \$35 each. Thank you to our Board of Selectman for your support.

Uxbridge Senior Center On The Move - Videos will be posted every Monday at 10:00 am! Get ready to join Sally on VIRTUAL trips around Uxbridge to learn and find out about local hot spots! Stay tuned for more information and any suggestions are welcome!

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 AM. Please sign up in advance by calling us at 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van. Masks are required and seating is limited.

Every Tuesday – Virtual Chair exercises with Sally posted on the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page & YouTube after 2:30 pm. No chair exercises on October 6th.

Every Wednesday @ 10 am – Walking Club with Sally! Meet at the Blackstone River Greenway and is weather permitting. Wear your mask and bring a water bottle. Walking times may change. No Walking Club on October 7th.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 10:00 am* – Bank & Pharmacy Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride. Masks must be work as well. *NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 10:00 am* – Shopping trip to Foppema's Farm. There will only be 4 people allowed on the van per visit. Call ahead to sign up! Masks must be worn. *NOTE CHANGE IN TIME and

Oct. 28th is the last trip for this season.

2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 9:30 am* – Shaws/Ocean State Shopping Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride. Masks must be work and limited to 4 people on the van. *NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

Every Thursday – Virtual Crafts with Sally posted on the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page and YouTube after 2:30 pm.

Every Friday @ 1:00 pm – Live Facebook Pictionary with Sally! Come play along with Sally & Gail. Tune in to the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page.

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.

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UXBRIDGE CHARTER UP FOR REVIEW

Uxbridge voters now have an opportunity to address their concerns about the processes and procedures that guide the Town's government.

The Town of Uxbridge Home Rule Charter is now undergoing a decennial review to ensure that the language in that document is clear and unambiguous as it guides the Town's executive authorities and departments, the ancillary elected and appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions, and the legislative branch in the form of Town Meeting.

A Charter Review Committee, comprised of nine members with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Finance Committee having appointed two each and the Town Moderator appointing three members, has been empaneled to examine all aspects of the performance of the Town's government.

The Committee has been charged to prepare and submit a report, including any proposed amendments to the Charter that the Committee may determine to be necessary and proper for the continued efficient and effective governmental operations. The report will be presented at the 2021 Town Meeting.

Input from Uxbridge residents is very much desired. Citizens who interact with Town officials and members of Boards and Committees and who attend Town Meetings develop an awareness of how well they are served by their government. Residents are invited to monitor the deliberations of the Committee both in real time through the Town's on-line capability or after the fact by watching the discussions through the Uxbridge Cable TV Archive.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback and input to the Charter Review Committee at any time by emailing the committee at chartercommittee@uxbridge-ma.gov or by writing the Committee at Charter Review Committee, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge MA, 01569.

The Committee also intends to hold at least one public hearing wherein residents may provide their input.

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EXERCISE IN THE GARDEN
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Grab & Go Meals”
Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 A.M.
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The Senior Center is closed to the Public.

While the building is not open to the public the Food Pantry at the Millbury Senior Center is available from 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday by calling 508-865-9247 for an appointment our food pantry is fully stocked at this time tell us what you need and you can pick it up or we will deliver it.

We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to Doctors appointments or if you need to go to the drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one.

Also if you are in need of a home delivered meal give us a call and we will set you up to get one delivered to you.

Keep safe and remember to wear a mask if you go out and to wash your hands frequently.

NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging
Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Yard Sale, Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 to 2:00pm at 28 Cottage Street, Northbridge (behind Unibank). Several vendors will be participating with a large variety of items. Sponsored by F.I.N.E., the fundraising group for the Senior Center.

The Senior Center is now open to the public for 1 on 1 appointments. Monday through Thursday 10:00-2:00 and Friday 10-12:00. Call the Center to schedule an appointment.

The Senior Center bus has been on the move! If you need a ride for groceries, prescriptions, in town medical trips, etc. please call us and we will put you on the schedule. We have a limit of four passengers on the bus at a time, and we clean and sanitize in between trips. Masks should be worn at all times on the bus, they will be provided by the driver if you don't have one.

Aqua Exercise has returned to the Whitin Community Center on Monday, September 14th. The time has changed to 1:30. There are new protocols at the Community Center for check-in so give yourself a little more time before the class. Wear your bathing suit to the Community Center as the locker room protocol has changed. \$3/class.

Friends of Northbridge Elders Raffle. Grand prize

is a 55” Samsung Smart TV, 4K High Definition. \$10/ticket or \$20 for 3 tickets. Drawing to be held on Wednesday, November 18th, need not be present to win. Call the Senior Center for tickets.

New Zoom Fitness Classes. Beginning September 14th, fitness instructor Judy Noel will do live Zoom classes for Sit and Stretch on Mondays at 10:30, Low Impact Aerobics on Wednesdays at 10:30 and Stretch and Strengthening on Fridays at 10:30. If you would like to participate in any of these classes, call Kelly at the Center so we can set you up.

Zoom Tai Chi Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 with Ron Allen. Call the Center and we will set you up for the class.

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OBITUARIES

Elliot F. Bigelow, 82



NORTHBRIDGE- Elliot F. Bigelow, 82, died Sunday, August 23, in the Milford Regional Medical Center, after a long battle with cancer. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Leann (Graves) Bigelow, 3 sons; David F. Bigelow and his wife Jeanne, of Charlton, Dwayne A. Bigelow, of Northbridge and Damon S. Bigelow and his wife Lori, of Sutton, 3 daughters; Donna L. Ricci, of Statesville, NC, Dondi G. Carengo, of So. Grafton, and Denise L. Perron and her husband Vernon, of Northbridge, a brother Edward Bigelow and his wife Sharon, of Upton; sisters Myra Bigelow and Caroline Forte, both of Upton; 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Dana C. Bigelow, in 1965, and his sister Gladys McKinstry.

Born in Framingham, December 28, 1937, a son of Aram and Grace (Berry)

Bigelow, Elliot spent his early years in Maine before moving to Upton, where he attended school. After living in So. Grafton for 22 years, he moved to Northbridge, in 1998. He owned and operated his own tucking business, most recently driving for D & J Farms in Northbridge. During the 70's and 80's he raced at the Westboro Speedway, as well as Thompson and Seekonk. Elliot raced against, and beat, many drivers who went on to win major races, while driving cars he built himself. He was also a talented woodworker, selling his creations in local shops. He loved his children and grandchildren.

Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville is assisting the family during this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA, 01701. To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth (Bettie) Jane Hutchings



STURBRIDGE- Elizabeth (Bettie) Jane Hutchings passed away on September 7, 2020 after a hard and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded with love and dignity and the caring of her partner Dale Morse, as well as her beloved family and friends. She is survived by her two children, Meghan Hutchings Rith, of Northbridge and Ian Hutchings, of Montgomery, VT, as well as her two step-children, Carrie Morse, of Salem and Lee Morse, of Westborough. She is also survived by her 3 grand children: Zoey, Zahra and Logan. Elizabeth was predeceased by her parents Marjorie Shaw and Richard Marshall, of Northbridge, MA, her sister Helene Caplette, of Charlton, MA and her brother Kendall Postma, of Oxford, MA.

Elizabeth spent most of her life residing in her hometown of Northbridge and took great pride in raising her children in the community she cherished so dearly. A retired secretary for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Bettie was a lover of family and life, who took great joy in the happiness and comfort of others she cared about. She loved art and interior design, music and style, but will mainly be remembered for her perennially infectious smile and sassy wit, which she shared whenever she could.

Funeral Services will be private and in the care of Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Elizabeth's name to the Jewish Healthcare Center, Hospice Fund, 646 Salisbury St, Worcester, MA 01609. To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Jeanne I. Sohigian, 89



WHITINSVILLE- Jeanne I. (Jette) Sohigian, 89, passed away at Milford Regional Hospital on Sat. Sept. 12, 2020 after a period of declining health. Her husband of 51 years, Paul Sohigian predeceased her in 2003.

Jeanne is survived by 3 daughters, Linda J. Sohigian and her partner Kim Agee of Palmyra, VA, Cathy M. Marcotte of Johnston, RI, and Paula A. Williams and her husband Dwayne with whom Jeanne lived; 3 grandsons, Paul Bassett and his wife Kayla of Bellingham, Nicholas Bassett of Whitinsville, and Daniel Marcotte of Johnston, RI; 2 great-grandchildren, Mya Rose Bassett and Axel Jay Bassett both of Bellingham; a brother, Richard Jette of Florida, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 2 sisters, Pauline Lang, and Lorraine Lincoln, and a son-in-law, Daniel Marcotte.

Born in Worcester on April 1, 1931 Jeanne was daughter of the late Leo and Yvonne (Bourke) Jette and grew up in the Worcester/ Millbury area. She was a graduate of Millbury High School. Jeanne worked worked many years for the ATF Davidson Company and retired from Comtran Inc. in Whitinsville. Jeanne was an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan who enjoyed spending time with her family, and going to bingo with her

good friends Mary, Snook, and Karen. She also enjoyed taking on crossword puzzles, and tole painting. Alongside her husband, she was involved with the Northbridge Playground and Recreation Commission, and Northbridge Retirement Board for many years. The family wishes to thank Susan Burgess of Salmon VNA for her compassionate care and friendship.

Her funeral was held on Tues. Sept. 15 at St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville with a mass at 12 noon. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Calling hours at the Jackman Funeral Home were held prior to mass from 9:30- 1:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeanne's memory may be made to: the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005, or the American Lung Association, <https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2>. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Easy ways to clean up leaves

A u t u m n is marked by colorful foliage and plummeting temperatures. Once those leaves reach peak color, they fall from the branches and collect on lawns, necessitating clean-up projects. For homeowners with big yards, such a project can be tiring and time-consuming. However, there are ways to make leaf cleanup easier.



e m p t i e d into a compost pile or distributed where needed. **R a k i n g** leaves onto a large tarp is another option. Once it's full, the tarp can be taken to the curb where many towns

will collect the leaves seasonally. Otherwise, the tarp can be used as a funnel to put leaves into a gardening bag or another appropriate receptacle. Leaf blowers remain a fast option for cleaning up yards, but they require electricity or gas and can be noisy. Still, they are a popular choice for large landscapes or when quick work needs to be made of leaf clean-up.

Leaves will fall in autumn, but luckily homeowners have various methods at their disposal to tame the mess.

garden beds or compost piles. For those who prefer manual raking, select a rake with tines that will not skewer the leaves in the process. Big rakes also can make faster work of gathering leaves into piles.

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman advocates for the use of a lawn sweeper. This is a manual device that has a rotating sweeping brush that gathers up lawn debris and leaves into an attached hopper bag. Like mowed leaves, the bag can be

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket Nos. WO20P2124GD and WO20P2125GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
Aaliyah Bolduc and Carlee Bolduc of Whitinsville, MA
Minors
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **07/28/2020** by **Dept. of Children and Families** of Worcester, MA will be held **09/29/2020 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: August 10, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 11, 2020

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To all persons interested in the estate of Paul A. McDonald of Northbridge in said County, person under conservatorship.

A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell at – private sale – certain real estate of said Edward Paul A. McDonald for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fifth day of September 2020, the return day of this citation.

Witness Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of August 2020.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register
September 18, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO20P2164EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Claire C. Varney
Date of Death: 05/09/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Mary LaPointe of Uxbridge MA** and **Roland LaPointe**

of **Uxbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Roland LaPointe of Uxbridge MA** and **Mary LaPointe of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/29/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 03, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 18, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO20P2367EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Henry J Barnatt
Date of Death: 06/16/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **James H Barnatt of Lake Charles LA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **James H Barnatt of Lake Charles LA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 03, 2020
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A taste of autumn

While there are plenty of topics to discuss this week on the local and national level, we decided to keep things light, and to do our best to foster a sense of unity among our readers.

One quick note to share this week is a story of two neighbors, with opposing political signs on their yards, having a thoughtful conversation. Yes, this actually happened. The two neighbors sat side by side in their vehicles and after about 20 minutes of a calm, respectful conversation, learned that they had more in common than they didn't. Sometimes that's all it takes, is an open mind and a mature outlook. This is a story we can appreciate.

Hanging heavily on our hearts, though, is the absence of the yearly fall fairs that take place all around New England. While we understand the circumstances that led to several cancellations, it still doesn't make us miss it any less. With that said, we decided a fun idea would be to have a Fair night at home.

Who says you can't blast Tim McGraw or Garth Brooks in the back yard and have a complete meal of fair food for a night? There are simple games you can set up at home as well, including water balloon pop, pick a duck (all you need is a few rubber ducks and a bucket or pool of water), water coin drop, and the bean bag toss to name a few. Get creative with your prizes depending on who is in attendance.

There are homemade recipes for all of your fair favorites as well. Soft pretzels, fried dough, apple crisp, steak and cheese, corn dogs, nachos with melted cheese whiz, French fries with malted vinegar or ketchup and a bloomin' onion with ranch for the win.

A family fair night is one way to keep the tradition alive. If you want to go a step further, there are plenty of farm stands and pumpkin patches still in operation to get that downhome feel. In addition, a drive to a local farm for kids of all ages to see cows and horses is an easy field trip.

We decided to include recipes for our top three fair food picks.

Fried Dough:

- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4-1/2 teaspoons shortening
- 2/3 to 3/4 cup water
- Oil for deep-fat frying
- Butter, honey and lemon juice, optional

Directions

Combine flour, dry milk powder, baking powder and salt; cut in shortening until crumbly. Add water gradually, mixing to form a firm ball. Divide dough; shape into 12 balls. Let stand, covered, for 10 minutes. Roll each ball into a 6-in. circle. With a sharp knife, cut a 1/2-in.-diameter hole in center of each. In a large cast-iron skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Fry dough circles, one at a time, until puffed and golden, about 1 minute on each side. Drain on paper towels; if desired, serve warm with butter, honey and fresh lemon juice.

Caramel apples:

- Ingredients
- Heavy Cream
- Light Corn Syrup
- Brown Sugar
- Butter:
- Salt and Vanilla Extract

First, rinse and dry the apples. Pull out the apple's stem and insert a caramel apple stick.

For the caramel, cook the first five ingredients on the stove until the candy reaches 235°F (113°C). Reaching 235°F (113°C) should take about 15 – 20 minutes.

Remove caramel from heat, then stir in the vanilla. Allow caramel to cool for a few minutes, then dip your apples. Let the excess caramel drip off, then place on a nonstick surface such as a silicone baking mat lined baking sheet.

Once set, you can wrap the caramel apples in cellophane.

Bloomin' onion:

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, horseradish, ketchup, paprika, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Chill this while you prepare the onions.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

A new season of opportunity and happiness

Today, I'm in my home working on the final column that I'll pen from this location. Next week, I'll write my first column from our new home.

We are in a season of change and transition.

I've written some part of my books or columns, from every space in this home. As I walk from room to room, the memories of children, now adults, are overwhelming. I remember our first night here and how we all ended up in one bedroom as the noises of the new home settling were a bit unsettling to our senses, but our first experiences hearing a pack of coyotes howling in our front pasture sent everyone scrambling in terror into our bedroom.

Pictures taken at our front door of our children's first day of school ... a house full of their friends scrambling in after classes to snack and unwind.

I remember every Thursday night, how our home would fill with over sixty high school students, craving mac and cheese, and chili dip. Arlene was Director for our local high schools "Campus Life / Youth for Christ" program. I remember the laughter of these wonderful students still echoing through the entire place. This home has touched many lives through these last twenty-six years.

A friend that I met on several of my book tours, as I was on his radio show, on KSFO in San Francisco, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, once said, "I believe the lives of people leave an imprint on this earth. I feel and sense them as I travel to new locations. Important events remain. You must open your heart and mind to feel them."

I know he is right. I feel the imprint of our lives together permanently imprinted onto this home and forty acres. I hope the

new owners will be open to feeling the joy left behind.

A new beginning!

We'll move on Tuesday and Wednesday. As you read this, the transition from old to new will be in motion or already in place. Decisions will be made about where furniture will fit and how our new routine will flow in this unfamiliar space.

The late-great Zig Ziglar famously said, "The greatest successes in life often happen when we change locations." I agree. Old habits are broken, and we look at life through fresh eyes. A new perspective reveals new experiences and opportunities. Arlene and I are enthused about our new life prospects.

We've loved our lives here and we'll leave with a touch of sadness but enter this new season of our lives with optimism.

As the old hymn proclaims, "it is well with my soul."

What is the moral to this story?

Embrace change with enthusiasm. We can't fight the aging process and the inevitable transition in our needs. Life is always shifting and evolving. Nothing stays the same. Embrace the change and be creative. Be optimistic. Believe the best is yet to come. Seek out and find the good, then enjoy the new opportunities brought on by the change. To do otherwise only brings on sadness and depression.

I choose optimism and happiness in this new season of my life.

Won't you join me?

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It's Apple Season!

It's apple season and apple offerings are plentiful in our area. New England grown apples have been pleasing the palate since the 1700s. The area's hot summers, cool fall days, and rocky soil are credited with the production of big, red apples with a unique mix of sweet and tart flavors. Read on for a lesson on "apple-ology!"

If the various varieties of apples have you confused, the following guide identifies some of the most popular regional apples:

Native New England Apples: New England apples boast a unique blend of sweet and tart flavors, attributed to the region's long, hot summers and crisp fall days. About 40 varieties of apples are commonly grown in New England apple orchards. The most popular today are McIntosh, Cortland, New England Red Delicious, Macoun, Empire, and Rome. Other favored New England varieties include Crispin, Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, Jonagold, and PaulaRed.

Historic Heirloom Apples: Apples have a long and vital tradition in New England. Many varieties were discovered here, or go back centuries. A commercial apple-growing region since the 1700s, New England is still known for its distinctive varieties, particularly the McIntosh, which accounts for two-thirds of the region's crop. Other classic New England varieties are the Macoun, Cortland, Empire, Eastern Red Delicious, and Rome. New England orchards are also keeping alive heirloom varieties like Northern Spy, Baldwin, Pippin, Roxbury Russet and Red Gravenstein.

Pick the Correct Apple: While all apples are delicious and refreshing, some strains of apples are better for cooking than others. Here's the rundown: According to expert chefs, the following apple varieties are excellent choices for baking: Cortland, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Jonathan, Rome, Good varieties for bak-

ing include:



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Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, HoneyCrisp, Newton Pippin.

Since competition for blue ribbons is fierce at annual apple pie contests, the heads up on the best baking apples may give you the edge. Here are some excellent pie apples: Cortland, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, Newton Pippin, Rome. Also good for pie baking: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, and Jonagold.

Looking for a great applesauce apple? A general rule is any apple but Red Delicious is acceptable, but here are the top choices. Cameo, Cortland, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, HoneyCrisp, Jonagold, McIntosh, Newton Pippin, Rome. These apples also work well for applesauce: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Ginger Gold, Jonathan.

Perfect Picks: When buying or picking apples, choose ones that are firm and bruise free. Typically the smaller the apple, the stronger the taste, as large apples have more water content. To retain their flavor and crispness, apples should be chilled if not eaten right away. Did you know apples that are refrigerated can last up to ten times longer than those at room temperature? And for best taste, store apples away from strong odors, which can be absorbed.

Apple Fun Facts: Did you know?

Apples are a member of the rose family.

The most popular variety in the United States is the Red Delicious. Fresh apples float because 25 percent of their volume is air.

Apple trees take four to five years to produce their first fruit.

It takes the energy from 50 leaves to produce one apple.

It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.

Apples are the second most valuable fruit grown in the United States. Oranges are first.

Newton Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin in London.

Archaeologists have found evidence that humans have been enjoying apples since at least 6500 B.C.

There are more than 7,000 varieties of apples grown in the world.

Almost one-half of the U.S. apple crop is processed into apple products, such as apple juice, applesauce, apple pie filling, and canned apple slices.

Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were apple growers. They traded apple wood with one another for grafting purposes.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Open enrollment choices can have big financial impact



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It's that time of year again, where, if you work for a medium-to-large employer, you've got some decisions to make because it's open enrollment time. Of course, depending on your situation, you may have been working remotely for a while, but, even so, you will likely have the opportunity to review your benefits package and make changes. And you'll want to make the right moves, because your choices can have a big financial impact on your life.

So, take a close look at these key areas of your benefits program:

Health insurance – Think about your health care needs over the coming year – will you or someone in your family be coping with a chronic illness or facing a surgery? Will you need to at least consider testing and possible treatment for COVID-19? In any case, make sure you're choosing the right plan for your needs. And pay close attention to any changes in your health insurance, such as whether the plan's provider networks have changed – you may want to make sure your own doctor is still in-network. Also, check to see if you can reduce your health care premiums by taking part in a wellness program or health-risk assessment.

Life insurance – Your employer may offer a group life insurance policy for free, or for a small amount. It's probably worth your while to take this coverage, but it may not be enough for your needs. If you only had this group policy, but your family situation has recently changed through marriage or the addition of a new child, you may well need to add some private insurance.

Disability insurance – In addition to offering group life insurance, your employer may provide short-term disability insurance as an employee benefit. Like group insurance, this disability coverage may not cost you anything, but it may not be adequate – typically, short-term disability only replaces part of your income for three to six months. And while you may never need to miss work for an extended period of time, you never can tell – after all, more than one in four 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration. You may want to consider purchasing your own long-term disability policy on top of the coverage offered by your employer.

Retirement plan – You can probably make changes to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan at any time, but why not look at it now, when you're reviewing all your benefits? If you can afford to increase your contributions, you probably should, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and ease of contribution through paycheck deductions, is a great way to save for retirement. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match. You'll also want to review your 401(k)'s investment mix. Is it still providing you with significant growth potential within the context of your individual risk tolerance? Over time, you may need to make some adjustments, either because an investment is underperforming or because you're getting close to retirement and you need to reduce your risk exposure. In any case, it's a good idea to check up on your 401(k)'s investments at least once a year.

Your employee benefits are an important part of your overall financial picture – so do what you can to get the most from them.

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The California wildfires continue to burn, costing the lives of residents and wildlife in California and surrounding states. The dangerous smoke conditions are affecting air quality, and will continue to impact the planet. Loss of homes and property in the area is catastrophic, and we need to step back and take a moment to reflect on the people that have been impacted by these terrible events that seem to have no end in sight, and are being blamed on global warming. Battling the pandemic and wildfires at the same time is unimaginable.

Then my thoughts go to the loss of wildlife, and all of the horses, cattle, birds and all other living creatures that are being killed or injured due to the wildfires. I rarely hear of the states controlled burning program, that can reduce the spread of wildfires. Even in this state, we could see wildfires start to pop up in the coming weeks and months if we do not get a substantial rain fall soon. Anyone using the outdoors in the coming weeks need to be exceptionally careful with camp fires, smoking, etc.!

Nine Blackstone Valley residents recently returned from a bear hunt in Maine. Everyone harvested a bear except one hunter. That is darn good for a group of nine hunters. The only one that did not harvest a bear, never even saw one during the six-day hunt. Wait till next year!

Upstate New York Salmon River started to see King Salmon being caught



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This week's second picture shows a happy angler with his first King salmon of the year. Photo courtesy of Fat Nancy's Tackle shop in Pulaski, N.Y.

at the mouth of the river last week. Action should start to blow wide open this week. They to need water badly. Once the flow of water increases, and we have a few cool days to lower the water temperature, fishing on the river should be great, and will last for several weeks.

The states fall trout stocking should start as soon as the water temperature cools down. Low water in some ponds need an inch or two of rain to make

them suitable for trout stocking this year. Some Rod & Gun Clubs will also hold off on their fall trout stocking because of low water.

Reports of slow action on the Canal by some anglers last week could change any day now. A lone angler fishing the canal at night using eels reported catching some decent stripers last week at the canal. There are a good number of serious striper anglers that do their homework, whether it is on the canal,

fishing at Block Island and other hot spots in both Mass. & Rhode Island.

Very few reports of local anglers harvesting geese last week, but that to will change quickly when farmers start to harvest their corn crops. The humid weather of last week also kept goose hunters away.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Trend-setting daffodils for gardens and bouquets



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Daffodils are having their day. Floral designers are opening our eyes to a world of gorgeous daffodils that extends far beyond the iconic yellow trumpets. These unexpected varieties include doubles, bi-colors and split cups, in colors such as creamy white, peach, pink, gold and orange. Plant the bulbs in fall to see these beauties emerge in your spring garden. Then enjoy how they elevate all your spring bouquets.

A benefit of planting some of these more unusual varieties is being able to stretch the daffodil season. Be sure to include some early bloomers such as miniature Tete a Tete. Another early bloomer is Barrett Browning. This heirloom variety's orange-red cup has a yellow halo at the base, set off by bright white petals. Silver Smiles is a subtle beauty. A cluster of two or three little flowers tops each stem. Greenish-white petals surround a pale-yellow cup that fades to buff and then white.

Pink-cupped daffodils have been around for almost 100 years yet are

still relatively unusual. Grow them in filtered sunlight to accentuate the color. Blushing Lady has yellow petals and a flared, salmon-pink cup. Turn up the pink even more with Pink Pride. Another early-blooming variety, it features a ruffled cup that opens apricot and gradually turns coral pink.

As early daffodils begin to fade, mid-season varieties take center stage. This is the time for split corona and double daffodils. Both types work well with the more traditional daffodils, while adding flair to gardens and arrangements.

Instead of a trumpet, the cup of a split corona daffodil is split into sections. These split cups may be ruffled or pleated and often lay flat against the outer petals. One of the showiest split cup daffodils is Cum Laude. Its white petals frame a frilly, peachy-yellow cup with a green eye. Include other split-cup varieties such as Cassata, with a delicate ruffled yellow split cup and white petals, or Lemon Beauty with a star-like yellow cup set against white petals. Can't decide? Plant a split-cup assortment to find your favorites.

Close out the season with double daffodils. Their fluffy flowers resemble roses, and most varieties are fragrant. Delnashaugh (longfield-gardens.com) is one of the most impressive doubles. Its enormous, 4" flowers feature layers of frilly white and peach-pink petals. Tahiti is just as large, with soft yellow petals and red-orange ruffles.

Two of the latest bloomers are also two of the most fragrant: Cheerfulness and Yellow Cheerfulness. Each stem is topped with a mini bouquet of three or four little rose-like flowers, each the size of a cherry tomato. They are incredibly beautiful and extremely long-lasting.

In a vase, daffodils can essentially arrange themselves. The more flower forms and colors you include, the better. Have a little more time? Add a few stems of forsythia or curly willow and some other spring favorites such as bleeding heart, tulips and hyacinths.

The stems of freshly cut daffodils release a clear sap that can shorten the life of other flowers. Conditioning your daffodils is easy and eliminates this risk. Cut the stems to the final length and stand them in a clean container of cool water for four to six hours. After that, they can be combined with tulips and other blooms. Just remember to not recut the stems.

Nothing says spring like a yellow trumpet daffodil. But with so many other flower styles and colors to choose from, why not stretch your boundaries and discover some new favorites?



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Delnashaugh is one of the most impressive double daffodils with its frilly petals, while early blooming Pink Pride has ruffled cups that start off apricot and gradually turn coral pink.

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First, cut the onions. Cut a small flat spot on the none root end of the onion. Then remove any dried or damaged peels. Place the onion flat side down on a cutting board (root side up). Using a sharp knife starting about 1/2 inch from the root make a clean slice downward. Next turn the onion one quarter turn and make another clean slice downward. Follow that with two more quarter turns and two more clean slices downward. You should have four clean slices down on the onion equally spaced apart. Now cut three to four equal spaced cuts downward in each of those four sections. Then turn the onion root side down and gently fan out those sections.

First in a large bowl big enough to hold the onion whisk together the milk and eggs. Then in another large bowl combine the flour, paprika, cumin, oregano, thyme, salt, cayenne pepper, black pepper and garlic powder. Then put one of the cut onions in the flour mixture. Using your hands coat the onion with the flour mixture spreading and separating the onion to make sure that it all gets breaded. Next dunk the onion into the egg mixture. Then back into the flour mixture using your hands to coat the onion.

Use a heavy pan like a dutch oven and heat the oil to 375 degrees. Using a skimmer ladle or tongs slowly place the onion root side up in the hot oil. Fry for about six minutes or until a deep golden brown. Next remove the onion to paper towels to drain.

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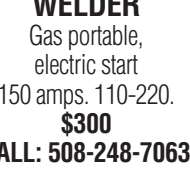
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QCC’s TRIO Program awarded grant to support students

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College was awarded a TRIO Student Support Services Grant of \$1,309,440. This is a five-year grant distributed in yearly increments of \$261,888.

QCC’s TRIO Student Support Services program is a federally-funded program that provides support and services to first generation and economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities. The program began at QCC in September 2010 with 120 student participants and is currently serving 150 students.

“This grant award will allow us to serve more of our most vulnerable students by providing them with a high level of support services,” said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. “Low-income, first-generation and students with disabilities can sometimes need additional assistance in completing their certificate or degree programs. This grant supports our community by increasing access and equity to college and career pathways that might otherwise be out of reach for these students.”

As a large inner city college, QCC has a diverse population that draws from all sub-communities within Worcester and its surrounding communities, with 21 percent of students identify-

ing as Hispanic, 14 percent as Black/African American, 5 percent Asian, 4 percent other and 3 percent multi-racial/cultural. More than 74 percent of students rely on Pell grants and other financial aid to supplement their education and expenses. More than 30 percent of students work an average of 30 hours a week, and have family obligations.

At QCC, TRIO staff members meet regularly with students to review and support a career and academic plan, to help them complete a program of study at QCC and/or transfer to a four-year institution. Services are designed to be hands-on with individual and small group tutoring, intensive advising, financial aid counseling, transfer assistance, discussion of academic goals, assistance planning class schedules, assistance with early registration and guidance throughout the semester. Students are also taught about social service and giving back to their community.

According to Joseph Adams, project director for the college’s TRIO program, the chances of TRIO students succeeding goes up 50% once they enter the program and in some cases that number may even be higher depending on their interaction with the program. The results of the program show it is working.

“QCC’s TRIO alumni have gone on to graduate from many 4-year schools, such as Cornell University, UMass, Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, Clark University, and many more,” he said, adding, “The program also had its first graduate from UMass Medical School in May and is currently doing his residency in Pittsburg, Pa.”

“Helping students achieve their goals and realize their dreams is what we are all about at QCC. By supporting those who have historically been disadvantaged and underserved, we are also helping our entire community,” President Pedraja said.

Visit www.QCC.edu/TRIO to learn more about the QCC TRIO Support Services program.

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House powerwashing tips



Powerwashing, also known as pressure-washing, utilizes a high-velocity water spray to remove dirt and residue from the exterior surfaces of a home. It is frequently used on vinyl siding, concrete and sometimes wood decks to treat mildew and other growth that accumulates over time.

Powerwashing can be a great way to remove grime without having to scrub by hand. But it requires a delicate touch to get it right. Sometimes it is best to leave the job to professionals. But homeowners willing to give it a go can try powerwashing themselves, as various stores rent power washers.

The home improvement website ImproveNet says that, until very recently, pressure washers were almost exclusively commercial machines sold to professionals or rented to do-it-yourselfers. Lately manufacturers have targeted homeowners looking to buy with lightweight options. For those who see powerwashing as a routine venture,

purchasing a unit may be worth the investment.

It is important to exercise caution when operating a powerwashing machine. The high-velocity spray can tear through skin. It is key to get a feel for the washer, and try less pressure first to get a handle on the magnitude of the tool.

Don safety gear prior to using a pressure washer. Gloves, eye protection and ear protection can be handy. Most units will connect to a standard garden hose. Choose old clothing and expect to get wet. Never point a powerwasher hose at anyone and do not attempt to rinse feet or hands in the spray.

The renovation resource The Family Handyman suggests starting with a wide-degree nozzle to test out the spray on the surface that needs to be cleaned. A 15- or 25-degree nozzle is usually the wand for general cleaning and paint stripping without damaging the surface of the home. Experiment with an optimal distance of the washer wand to get the desired cleaning effects without causing any damage. Work using a horizontal and slightly downward angle to avoid driving water up under the siding of a home.

Avoid spraying any electric wires or components on the home. Also, try not to spray upward, and angle the spray away from doors, windows and vents.

Some washers have reservoirs that will hold a detergent solution. Choose the right detergent for the job. Keep in mind that cleansers containing bleach can damage surrounding plants, so they may need to be covered while the washing takes place.

Avoid the use of ladders when operating a powerwasher. The push-back from the wand can cause falls. Instead, opt for an extension wand to address the upper reaches of a home.

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